

Art Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
 (same language or two years of American Sign Language)
- Academic electives (to equal at least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

The Art Education Program at the University of Maine is the largest and most comprehensive in Maine. It offers students an integrated liberal arts program that places both theory and practice at the center of their learning experiences. As a result, students are not only prepared as “highly qualified” art teachers, they are also well educated in the complexity and diversity of art and our visual and material culture.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Program Description

The Department of Art offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education. Art education today includes research, the study of educational theory, the development of studio skills and art historical understanding, as well as practice in teaching. Students who major in art education graduate with a liberal arts education that includes minors in studio art and art history. A combination of study in studio art, art history, aesthetics and art criticism helps art education majors develop a comprehensive understanding of how art knowledge is organized and conveyed. In addition, students engage in research and study the historical, cultural, psychological and philosophical foundations of art education and gain practical, hands-on experience in the teaching process.

The Art Education Program at the University of Maine is accredited through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and leads to K-12 art teacher certification. As a result of their education, graduates are well prepared for graduate study in art education, as well as a wide spectrum of related areas.

Specialized Information

The Department of Art requires the completion of 21 credit hours in residence prior to graduation. Through the College of Education and Human Development, the Department of Art also offers a post-baccalaureate K-12 certification program.

The Department of Art offers a number of scholarships to qualified first-time undergraduate students who study art at the University of Maine. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and evidence of accomplishment in the study of studio art, art education or art history. For scholarship information, application forms and interview dates, contact the Department of Art (207-581-3245) or send inquiries to: Department of Art, 107 Lord Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Applications must be received in the Department of Art by mid-January.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Most graduating AED students become certified K-12 art teachers. Graduates teach in many of the K-12 schools in Maine as well as in other states around the country. Other graduates have gone on to work in museum education or in community programs. Many graduates pursue graduate work in art education, studio art and art history, completing master’s and doctoral-level work in an array of related areas. Such programs prepare them for a wide range of careers including museum and gallery work, art therapy, arts administration or as entrepreneur-studio artists.

Representative Courses

AED 270 Introduction to Visual Culture and Learning
AED 371 Methods and Materials in Art Education
AED 372 Foundations of Art Education
AED 373 Introduction to Curriculum
AED 473 Advanced Curriculum
AED 474 Topics in Art Education
ART 100 Drawing I
ART 110 2D Design
ART 120 3D Design
ART 200 Drawing II
ART 220 Sculpture I
ART 230 Painting I
ART 240 Printmaking I
ART 270/180/182/280 Digital Art I or Photography I/II
ART 225 Ceramics I
ART 3-4XX Upper-Level Studio Elective
ARH 155 Art History I
ARH 156 Art History II
ARH 2XX Classical, Medieval, Renaissance or Baroque Art
ARH 2XX Early Modern or Late Modern Art
ARH 3-4XX Pre-1750 or Non-Western Art
ARH 3-4XX Art Theory and Criticism/Aesthetics

ART 300 Drawing III
ART 302 Figure Drawing
ART 320 Sculpture II
ART 325 Ceramics II
ART 330 Painting II
ART 340 Printmaking II
ART 360 Topics in Studio Art
ART 370 Digital Art IIA: 3D Modeling and Animation
ART 371 Digital Art IIB: Digital Video
ART 372 Digital Art IIC: Interactivity
ART 380 Theory and Practice in Photography
ART 397 Independent Study in Studio Art
ART 398 Directed Study in Studio Art
ART 402 Figure Drawing II
ART 420 Sculpture III
ART 430 Painting III
ART 440 Printmaking III
ART 460 Topics in Studio Art
ART 496 Field Experience in Art
ART 497 Independent Study in Studio Art
ART 498 Directed Study in Studio Art

UMaine Graduate Programs

Interdisciplinary Master of Liberal Arts
Interdisciplinary Master of Education
Interdisciplinary Master of Fine Arts
Interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy

About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

How do I apply?

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